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SUBJECT: FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING FOR FILIPINO TECHNICIANS ON
USAF TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: WEATHER BUREAU HAS ASKED EMBASSY
EXPEDITE RESPONSE TO GOP JUNE 11 REQUEST FOR
FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING ON USAF TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE
FLIGHTS FROM GUAM OR CLARK AB, POINTING OUT TYPHOON SEASON
ALREADY BEGUN. WEATHER BUREAU PROJECT OFFICER TO
VISIT US AND WOULD LIKE DISCUSS PROGRAM AT
WASHINGTON OR SCOTT AFB. ACTION REQUESTED:
PRELIMINARY TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE WE CAN PASS TO
WEATHER BUREAU. ALSO SUGGEST DISCUSSIONS BE HELD WITH
GOP OFFICIAL . END SUMMARY.

1. MANUEL C. BONJOC, SENIRO ASSISTANT TO
WEATHER BUREAU DIRECTOR KINTANAR, HAS SOUGHT EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN ELICITING RESPONSE TO KINTANAR LETTER OF
JUNE 11 TO GENERAL BEST, USAF AIR WEATHER SERVICE, SCOTT
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AFB.LETTER REQUESTED FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING FOR

PHILIPPINE TECHNICIANS, PRESUMABLY BOTH PAF AND WEATHER BUREAU, IN TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS BEGINNING 1973 TYPHOON SEASON. GOP WOULD LIKE ANSWER TO LETTER IN ORDER PLAN ITS PART OF PROGRAM.

2. EMBOFF SAID A FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY WOULD BE SENT AND NOTED THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IF PROGRAM IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. BONJOC SAID HE WOULD BE IN U.S. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS ON STUDY TOUR SPONSORED BY UNDP AND WMO. HE PLANS ARRIVE WASHINGTON JULY 20 FOR ONE WEEK. PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED BY NOAA, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, P.M. ROSENBLATT, PROJECT OFFICER. PROGRAM CALLS FOR VISITS TO COLORADO AND SOUTH DAKOTA TO STUDY WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS AND AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTATION. HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT GENERAL BEST AT SCOTT AFB IF SCHEDULING PERMITS. SUGGEST THIS BE ARRANGED THROUGH NOAA - ROSENBLATT.

4. BONJOC WILL NOT RETURN TO MANILA BEFORE MID-OCTOBER AND WISHES ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT PROGRAM BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH WEATHER BUREAU OFFICIALS WITHOUT DELAY.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FOREIGN OBSERVERS HAVE OCCASIONALLY FLOWN WITH USAF RECONNAISSANCE CREWS FROM GUAM. WE REITERATE REFTEL RECOMMENDATION GOP REQUEST BE APPROVED. IF A FEW FLIGHTS COULD BE STAGED OUT OF CLARK, THIS WOULD FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION.
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